



County of Loudoun

Algonkian District

December 2016

Dear Neighbors,

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving! In December, there are lots of wonderful events, parties and presents. My best wishes for a holiday season filled with family, friends and warm memories! I hope you will take a moment to review the information in this newsletter, which includes updates on several projects as well as information on upcoming events. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 703-771-5033 or via email at Suzanne.Volpe@loudoun.gov with any questions or concerns.

Most sincerely,

Suzanne Volpe

Hot Topics

Envision Loudoun Listening and Learning Workshop in Sterling

Loudoun County will host an “Envision Loudoun” workshop on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cascades Senior Center located at 21060 Whitfield Place in Sterling. This workshop is part of the County’s effort to develop a New Comprehensive Plan, which will serve as the County’s guiding document for land use and development in the foreseeable future. Supervisor Saines, the Sterling District Supervisor, and I encourage our Sterling neighbors to attend the workshop to provide your input into the New Comprehensive Plan and your ideas for the future of the Sterling area.

At the workshop, residents will hear about the planning process for “Envision Loudoun” and work closely with fellow Loudoun residents, property owners and business owners to begin crafting a vision for the future of the county. This workshop is designed to be open and inclusive and to encourage residents to share a broad range of insights. Those in attendance will respond to questions about Loudoun’s future using small group discussions and mapping exercises.

Envision Loudoun addresses growth, land use, transportation, community facilities and amenities, economic development, and fiscal management. More information, including a link to RSVP for a workshop, is online at www.EnvisionLoudoun.org.

Metrorail SafeTrack Program Affects Loudoun Commuters in Sterling

The next phase of Metrorail SafeTrack Program is affecting loudoun commuters through December 21, 2016. As you are aware, SafeTrack is a year-long, extensive maintenance program, which includes track outages of long duration in key parts of the Metrorail system.

The 11th “surge” of the SafeTrack plan will reduce the frequencies of trains at the Wiehle-Reston East Metro Station from six minutes to approximately every 20 minutes. The surge will result in single tracking between the West Falls Church and East Falls Church Metro stations. The direct effects on Loudoun County bus riders are:

Through Wednesday, December 21, 2016, Loudoun County Transit will re-route two of its Metro-Connection bus service routes – Potomac Falls Routes 901 and 902 –from the West Falls Church Metro Station to the Ballston Metro Station during this period. The schedule is online at www.loudoun.gov/SafeTrack.

During the surge, Metro’s Silver Line trains will operate every 20 minutes as opposed to the normal six-minute intervals. To assist commuters, Loudoun County Transit has produced flyers that highlight the morning and afternoon buses that line up within seven minutes of the rail arrival or departure. The flyers can be viewed and downloaded at www.loudoun.gov/SafeTrack.

Loudoun County Transit officials encourage commuters to stay informed about updates and changes to bus service by signing up for Bus Biz at www.loudoun.gov/BusBiz.

Links to the Loudoun County bus schedules and more information about SafeTrack, including the complete SafeTrack Plan, can be found at www.loudoun.gov/SafeTrack.

Falcons Landing Rezoning Update

First, I would like to thank Falcons Landing for hosting an Open House. It was a wonderful event and gave a great opportunity for their neighbors in Cascades to review the proposal and ask questions. Falcons Landing has submitted a zoning concept plan amendment (ZCPA-2016-0001) to increase the number of permitted independent living units and to increase the number of permitted assisted living and/or skilled nursing beds. Additionally, they have submitted a request for a Zoning Modification (ZMOD-2016-0003) to reduce the minimum setback from travel ways from 45 feet to 30 feet. For more information, please visit www.loudoun.gov and use the Loudoun Online Land Applications System (LOLA) to review the application information.



Falcons Landing is proposing a phased approach to the project, which is detailed in the map above. Their Board of Directors is looking to complete this project over a long time period, which corresponds to the phasing detailed on the map. It is expected that the application will be part of the January 2017 Planning Commission Public Hearing agenda. Residents are welcome to provide public input at the public hearing. For more information on the public hearing process, please call 703-777-0200.

Transportation Updates

Road Paving in the Algonkian District

As winter is approaching fast, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will not begin new repaving projects until the spring. My office has confirmed that the following roads are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 budget:

Lowes Island Boulevard

Hampshire Station Drive

North Cottage Road

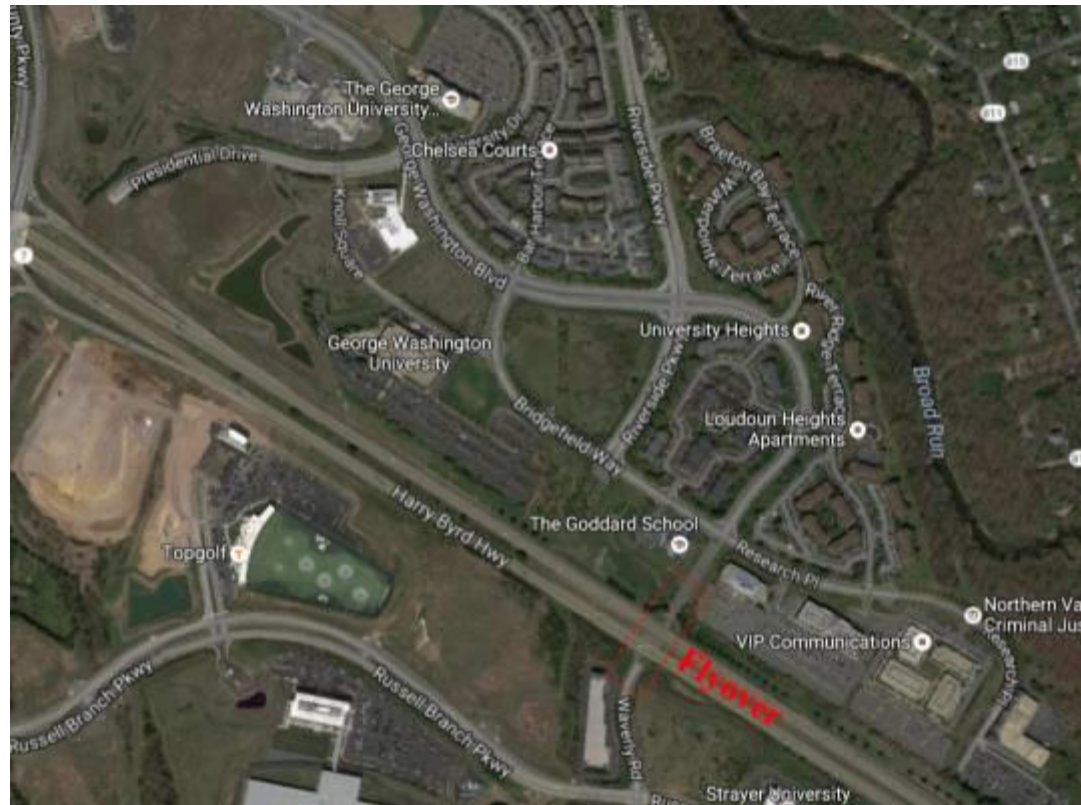
Saulty Drive

South Cottage Road

Our VDOT liaison has confirmed that a paving contractor has been selected for these roads and is ready to complete the milling and repaving as soon as we are past any possible freezing weather. It's important to note that paving should occur in at least 50 degree temperatures.

Route 7/George Washington Boulevard Overpass Design Public Hearing

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 15, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at George Washington University, Exploration Hall, located at 20101 Academic Way in Ashburn. Residents are encouraged to attend to learn about the plans to extend George Washington Boulevard from its current intersection with Bridgefield Way/Research Place south to Russell Branch Parkway via a new bridge over Route 7. You will have the opportunity to review the project materials at the hearing, including the traffic technical report, project schedule, and design plans. If the public hearing is cancelled due to inclement weather, the public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2017.



Algonkian Parkway Safety Concerns in Countryside Neighborhood

Community Updates/Get Involved

Animal Services Offers Free Adoptions!

The Loudoun County Animal Services will host its second annual “Home for the Holidays” free pet adoption event from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Animal Shelter located at 39820 Charles Town Pike in Waterford. Adoption fees will be waived on all adoptable cats, kittens, dogs, puppies, small pets and reptiles. The event will also include other holiday fun and festivities including hot cocoa, cookies and music! The Humane Society of Loudoun County will also participate in this special event. All adopters will receive a goody bag for their new pet, including toys, treats, and gifts. For more information, please visit www.loudoun.gov/animals.

Loudoun County Firefighters Join the 2016 Toys for Tots Campaign

The Loudoun County Fire-Rescue System and the Loudoun Career Fire Fighters Association are participating in the 69th Annual Toys for Tots Campaign, sponsored by the United States Marine Corps Reserve. Through Wednesday, December 14, 2016, Fire & Rescue stations across the County will be accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys. You may also make a donation online by visiting www.toysfortots.org. Fire & Rescue stations in our area include:

Cascades Fire Safety Center, 46700 Middlefield Drive, Sterling, VA 20165

Sterling Park Safety Center, 104 Commerce Street, Sterling, VA 20164

Kincora Safety Center, 21130 Pacific Boulevard, Sterling, VA 20166

For additional information, please contact the LCFR Toys for Tots Coordinator, Rob Boyer at 571-258-3723 or via email at rob.boyer@loudoun.gov.

Loudoun Ballet Company Performs The Nutcracker!

The Loudoun Ballet Company is pleased to announce its' 27th annual production of The Nutcracker. This holiday classic, with stunning costumes, dancing and music, will be performed one weekend only, December 16-18 at Broad Run High School located at 21670 Ashburn Road in Ashburn. Advanced tickets are on sale beginning today at www.loudounballet.org through December 15.

The Loudoun Ballet Company's traditional, full length The Nutcracker premiered in Leesburg in 1990 and has successfully returned every holiday season, receiving critical acclaim from the Washington Post and Southern Living Magazine. The company's apprentices are joined by younger and older dancers and performers from across Loudoun County to make a cast of over 160. The Nutcracker is sure to dazzle and delight all ages.

Performances will be held in the evening as well as several matinees over the weekend. Ticket prices online are \$15 for children 12-under and seniors, \$22 for adults, and \$27 for premium seats. All tickets at the door will be \$30.

Loudoun Youth Guitars Holiday Program

Loudoun Youth Guitars, an ensemble of 20 middle and high school students, will present its annual holiday program on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The concert will be held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church located at 1133 Reston Avenue in Herndon. Dr. Miroslav Lončar and Dr. Natasha Klasinc-Lončar direct this group of talented guitarists from over 10 schools in our county. Residents are invited to attend this concert at no charge. For more information please visit www.aguadoguitar.org.

Congratulations Are In Order!

Excellence in Education Event

The Loudoun Education Foundation along with business sponsors hosted their 34th Annual Excellence in Education Banquet on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at the National Conference Center in Leesburg. This event honors seniors from each of Loudoun County's high schools in the top 5 percent academically. Below you will see the group picture for the two high schools located in the Algonkian District (Dominion High School on the left and Potomac Falls High School on the right). It was a blessing to attend the event and learn about the incredible students we have here!



National Education Week Program



The week of November 14 – 18, 2016 was National Education Week. The Loudoun Education Association participates in multiple programs and events throughout the week. One program, “Educator for a Day,” invites elected officials and community leaders to assist in a classroom for a day. I had the opportunity to serve as an “Educator for a Day” at Sugarland Run Elementary School in Sterling. I cannot begin to properly thank Ms. Severo and Mrs. Sanchez for guiding me through the lesson plan and their encouragement throughout the day. Their kindergarten class was full of energetic and friendly students, who were so sweet! As you can see, we had a wonderful time! Congratulations to these wonderful women, who give of themselves every day for their students!

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